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First Shanti Swaroop Memorial Lecture organized by Department of political Science Kashmir University. Prof Shanti Swaroop an oxford scholar was during 1986-88 heading the department of Political Science Kashmir University. The lecture was delivered by Prof Gull wani head of the department and eminent political scientist, the chairperson of the session was Justice Bashir Ahmed Kirmani Prof Gull wani emphasized the significance of social science research and teaching in Indian colleges and universities. He underlined the fact that twenty first century is called as post industrial society in which the questions of harmony and trust within and between communities and nations shall remain of paramount importance. Prof wani stressed that democracy as a governance framework is critically important for teaching social sciences and democracy can be made more enduring and meaningful only through debate and dialogue. It was also emphasized that due to Covid 19 the sustainable development goals have become important. Prof wani highlighted the significance of teaching sociology, economics, social work women's studies and anthropology to new generation of students so that best human values are inculcated in them for nation-building and citizen building.

In his presidential address justice Bashir Ahmed Kirmani underscored the need for teaching civics and other social and cultural studies to students to make them better human beings.